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The EXAMINER.

From Thursday, *September* 7. to Thursday, *September* 14. 1710.

Sed revocare gradum, ſuperaſq; evadere ad auras,
Hoc opus, hic labor eſt. Virg.

THE King of *Sweden* is ſo admir'd and idoliz'd by my ingenious Fellow-Writers the *Poſt-man* and Mr. *Dawkes*; that I, who have a great Deference for their Judgments, ſhou'd have a juſt Reſpect for Him, were it for no other Reaſon, but becauſe He is reſpected by *Them*. They being Gentlemen of *Revolution-Principles*, and His *Swediſh* Majeſty being the Promoter of a *Revolution* in *Poland*; That alone is undoubtedly ſufficient to juſtifie the extreme Veneration they have conceiv'd for Him. But be That as it will; as He is a *Sovereign Prince*, and a *Gallant Soldier*, I cannot but very highly eſteem Him; and do heartily congratulate Him, upon the probability of His ſpeedy Deliverance from *Bender*, where He has been ſo long confin'd. With what *exceeding Difficulty* He *makes his Eſcape* from thence, and *returns* to His *old* and *true* Friends, appears from the following Letter; written two Months ſince, by a *Swediſh* Officer at *Bender*, to his Friend at *Stockholm*. If I am ask'd How I came by that Letter; I have only to anſwer, at preſent, That I got it as fairly, as a certain Gentleman procur'd another Letter, lately publiſh'd, and written from St. *Germains* to *England*: Of which I may poſſibly take ſome Notice, when I have nothing elſe to do. As that Letter was found at *Douay*, at the taking of that Town; ſo this happens to be found at *Riga*, and ſent to me by a *Muſcovite* Officer of my Acquaintance.

A Letter to——at Stockholm.

SIR, *Bender, July* 1. 1710.

" I Know you are a true Lover of your " Country, and your King, as well as " I; and therefore I write to you with " the greater freedom, concerning the preſent " State of our Affairs here.

" You wonder why His Majeſty has ſtaid " ſo long at this Place: And you ſeem to " intimate (though you expreſs your ſelf " very tenderly upon that Point) that it " muſt be owing either to want of Reſo- " lution, or to a neglect of His own Honour, " that He does not haſten his Return to His " Faithful Subjects, who long to have Him " among them again. But how could ſuch " a Thought as that enter into a Loyal " Breaſt? How can you ſuppoſe, That a " King, whoſe *Heart is entirely Swediſh*, ſhou'd " be content to live ſo long among *Turks* and " *Tartars?* Or that a Prince ſo piouſly diſ- " pos'd, ſhould be eaſie in having ſo many " *Infidels* conſtantly about him? No, Sir! " Depend upon it, our Maſter is heartily " weary of His *new Friends* and *Allies*, into " whoſe Power his hard Circumſtances have " thrown Him; and He intends to ſet Him- " ſelf free, as ſoon as He can. For, to tell " you the truth, whatever Accounts you " have had of the Profeſſions of Friendſhip " and Reſpect that have been made Him, " and of the State and Grandeur in which " He ſeems to live, He is no better than a " Priſoner to thoſe who pretend to ſerve " Him. He has but a few *Truſty Swedes* " about Him, and they are not ſuffer'd to " be of His Council; neither can he ſpeak " to any of them alone, without being ob- " ſerv'd and interrupted. He is attended " by *Turks* wherever he goes; who are Spies " upon His Conduct, rather than Guards to " His Perſon. All His Diſpatches muſt be " Counter-ſign'd by *Turks*; and He is not " allow'd to have any Money, but what the " *Turks* furniſh him with; who, tho' they " have good Security and Intereſt for what " they lend, make this an Obligation upon Him

" Him to continue with them; tho' He " might be better ſupplied, as well as bet- " ter ſerv'd, if he were out of their " Hands. Then the *Commanding Baſha* is " always requiring new Preſents and Gra- " tifications; whoſe known Character it is, " never to be *Oblig'd* or *Satisfied* with *Roy- " al Bounty.*

" Theſe, it muſt be own'd, are ſufficient " Inducements to our King, to take leave of " his Honourable *Protectors* as ſoon as poſſi- " ble; without truſting to their Promiſes " of Conducting him ſafely and *glorioufly* to " his own Country. But that which has " determin'd him to break from them im- " mediately is, ſome Application he has " lately receiv'd from certain *Senators* and " *Merchants* at *Sueden*, and from ſome *Fo- " reign-States* in Alliance with us: The Pur- " port of which is, to perſuade His Majeſty " to continue ſtill at *Bender.* And the Rea- " ſons alledg'd for this wiſe and faithful Ad- " vice are, That it will be very *difficult* and " *hazardous* for him at this Juncture to get back " to his *own People*, however glad they may be " to receive him; That the *preſent Regency of " Sueden* manage all his Affairs ſo well " for him, that neither his Preſence nor In- " terpoſition at home are neceſſary; and " that the Czar of *Muſcovy* will take ad- " vantage from his Return to lengthen out " the War againſt Him, and his Confede- " rates; wiſely judging, that our Monarch " will be leſs in a Capacity to Act, when " he is intirely Free; and leſs able to car- " ry on the War, when he is in the midſt " of his own Subjects, and Maſter of their " Hearts and Purſes; with other Argu- " ments of the like Weight and Decency. " This undutiful Addreſs of ſome of his " *own Subjects*, and unmannerly intermedling " of *Foreigners*, has ſo fir'd our Maſter, " that he is reſolv'd at all Adventures to " recover his former *Power* and *Authori- " ty*; and you may quickly expect to ſee " him at the Head of his Veteran Troops " again; moſt of which were train'd up " by Officers who ſerv'd under his Grand- " father; and all of them are ready to " follow their Prince, wherever the Intereſt " of *Sueden*, or the Good of *Europe* ſhall " call him; both which he has much at " Heart.

" For whatever Jealouſies ſome may have " entertain'd of our King; I can aſſure " you, he never was, nor ever will be " in the Intereſts of *France.* He is " too ſincere a *Proteſtant*, too much a " Friend to the King of *Pruſſia*, and Ele- " ctor of *Hanover*; and has too grateful a " Regard for the *Engliſh Nation*, who ſtood " by him in his Extremity, to harbour " any Thoughts of taking part with the " Enemy of all theſe. I will not ſay ſo " much for all his *Miniſters*, who for ſome " time paſt, have had the chief Direction " of his Affairs; nor for ſome of thoſe " *Senators*, who deſire him to ſtay at *Ben- " der.* But what ever Views any of 'em " may have, they will certainly find them- " ſelves diſappointed upon the King's Re- " turn. For when he has none but Loyal " Subjects about him, and is at full Li- " berty to uſe their Counſel and Aſſiſtance as " he ſees fit; He will ſoon convince all " his People that they are ſafeſt in his " Hands; and that thoſe were the great- " eſt Enemies to *Sueden*, who firſt ad- " vis'd his Majeſty to go ſo far from Home, " that it ſhould be *difficult for him to re- " turn*; and afterwards made the *Diffi- " culty of returning*, an Argument for his " not attempting it. Adieu, 'till I ſee " you at *Stockholm*, which I hope to do very " ſpeedily.

I am, &c.

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